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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

J. P. Leon

Application No.: 09/708,913

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING POSTAGE INDICIA
OVER A DATA COMMUNICATION
NETWORK

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2161

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete lines 12 - 30 on page 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 24, with the following:

--(6) U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. ____/____, ____, entitled "System And Method Of Printing Labels" (Attorney Docket No. 006969-025610US);

(7) U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application No. ____/____, ____, entitled "Providing Stamps On Secure Paper Using A Communications Network" (Attorney Docket No. 006969-022220US);